

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Please amend claims 1-15 in the following manner:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for dispensing, applying, and sealing individual sections of thermoplastic tape having one or more fastener profiles thereto, said tape being sealed across a portion of a web of thermoplastic material, said apparatus comprising:

means for dispensing said tape and fastener profile;

a tape applicator apparatus;

means for delivering tensioned tape and fastener profile from said tape dispensing means, said means for delivering comprising a tape registration assembly for adjusting the position of said tape and fastener profile and a tape drive assembly for advancing said tape and fastener profile;

a tape cutter assembly for cutting said tape and fastener profile into individual sections of a preselected length;

vacuum belt means for advancing said section of tape and fastener profile into a position across said web of thermoplastic material and for fixedly forcing said section of tape and fastener profile against said web;

a tape sealing mechanism for applying pressure and heat to said tape section on said web for a specified dwell time; and

means for sequentially advancing said web.

15. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for dispensing, applying, and sealing individual sections of thermoplastic tape having one or more fastener profiles thereto, said tape being sealed across a portion of a web of thermoplastic material, said apparatus comprising:



means for dispensing said tape and fastener profile;

a tape applicator apparatus;

means for delivering tensioned tape and fastener profile from said tape dispensing means,  
said means for delivering comprising a tape registration assembly for adjusting the position of  
said tape and fastener profile and a tape drive assembly for advancing said tape and fastener  
profile;

a tape cutter assembly for cutting said tape and fastener profile into individual sections of  
a preselected length;

vacuum belt means for advancing said section of tape and fastener profile into a position  
across said web of thermoplastic material;

a tape sealing mechanism for applying pressure and heat to said tape section on said web  
for a specified dwell time; and

means for sequentially advancing said web;

[The apparatus of Claim 1] wherein said tape comprises a folded loop having a pair of  
interlocked fastener profilers attached thereto on the inside surface thereof.